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STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

State/Territory: TENNESSEE

ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

Procedures for Scheduling and Conduct of Standard Surveys

The State has in effect the following procedures for the scheduling and conduct of standard surveys to assure that it has taken all reasonable steps to avoid giving notice.

Based on 42CFR Part 488 - Survey and Certification Procedures, the State of Tennessee and the Health Care Facilities (Survey and Certification) Division of the Department of Health provide that all standard surveys to nursing facilities are scheduled in the strictest of confidence and are unannounced. Only a minimum number of individuals as necessary have prior knowledge of the location and scheduled date of a survey. Any individual found to have divulged to any member of the nursing facility administration or staff or resident or other individual of a scheduled survey will be found to be in violation of federal regulations and state statute, Tennessee Code Annotated Number 68-11-806(a) and will be subject to a civil monetary penalty of not more than two thousand dollars (\$2,000) for disclosure of such information.

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